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The Palace of team sports

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In this article we will tell about the palace of team sports in Ekaterinburg, which is a very interesting structure. It was achieved by its unique characteristics. We will consider them.

The Palace of team sports «Uralochka» (block A) was commissioned on June 11, 2003. Then block B was built in July 2006. Gyms, the health and recreation center for athletes (massage room, sauna, solarium), the hotel for 48 people, a café, an administrative part and a press center are located in the new building.

The total area of the administrative and training complex is about eight thousand square meters. The governor of Sverdlovsk region Eduard Rossel initiated the start of the construction. He put the first symbolic stone in the foundation of the future palace. The Palace is a unique building of European class. The construction of such a palace was necessary in Ekaterinburg, because the ice palace of sport, at the same time the place where basketball and mini football competitions were held, was over loaded and needed reconstruction, and other indoor sport halls in the city had a capacity of not more than 1000 viewers. The first thing that catches your eye when you look at the Palace is its cosmic design. The roof of the palace similar to the flying saucer became one of the present city sights and fits perfectly into the landscape of the embankment of the river Iset. The dome of the palace is an ellipse with the axes of 68 and 84 meters and the weight is over 10000 tons. It impresses its size and originality as outside as inside. The open metal frame of the dome is a distinctive characteristic of this palace. The dome is one of the flattest in the world [1].

A multifunctional media-cube, installed under the main sports arena, gives a large possibility in the field of informing fans during games: from various demonstration videos to show interesting moments of the game in slow speed video replay. Besides, the information system of the palace allows direct translations of games on TV and in the Internet.

The opening of the palace was timed to the beginning of international volleyball cup named after the first President of Russia B.N. Yeltsin. From 11

to 16 June 2003, the new palace was receiving sports delegations and journalists from eight countries of the world. «Yeltsin» game was worthy start for further activities of the palace. In 2004 it held the second cup, and from 14 to 20 June 2005, there was the third cup on the prize of the first President of the Russian Federation. During the first two years in the first part of the palace such significant events as already mentioned international volleyball game and European basketball league (men and women), men volleyball, the championship of Russia in mini-football were held. In 2005, the championship of Russia in karate, the second cup of Russia in basketball among women teams and European club Champions Cup, indoor hockey were held. Geography of the guests of the Palace can be tracked in the guest book, constantly updated with kind words and wishes. The palace also has strong partnership with sport clubs such as the basketball club "Evraz", "UMMC", mini-football "VIZ-Sinara", volleyball "Locomotive-the Emerald" [1].

It should be noted the Palace can take on its site not only representatives of team sports, but also many others as like as wrestling, tennis and rhythmic-sportive gymnastics. Setting ring can be carried out for boxing matches. In short, the doors of the Palace are open for all sports requiring hall. [Official site]

However DIVS has not only the country's best sports facilities for team sports, but also it is the biggest concert hall in the region. No one hall in Ekaterinburg can simultaneously host five thousand spectators. Therefore DIVS has already gained popularity, both local and Moscow artists and organizers of various shows. For the artists, as well as for athletes, the Palace has all the necessary conditions to prepare a performance and for the rest. Comfortable changing rooms are used as make-up rooms, cozy cafes, and a comfortable hotel are located in complex of the Palas of Sports. [Official site]

The General designers of the palace are ООО «Sverdlovgrajdanproject», «E. Furman BaugezelshaftmbH», architects - Michael Motin, Stepan Stipanichich (company «E. Furman BaugezelshaftmbH»), Eugene Kuranov.

Interior design was developed by Eugene Kuranov.

All decisions on engineering communication were accepted by OAO «Uralgiprotrans», geodesic search was conducted by ZAO «UralTISIZ».

Lyudmila Vinokurova architect, who was the first captain of the team "Uralochka" helped with design. She specializes in urban planning decisions, but she was also a master of sports in volleyball, and she suggested the most comfortable and functional solution. This helped to create a building fully complies with its functional purpose (www.old.arch66.ru).

Architectural solution (shaping) was dictated by the fact that in the years of its creation (1999-2000) there was an idea of beginning of the third Millennium, the waiting time of new life. And so this place dropped flying saucer, have put forward their support and established at them. [old.arch66.ru]

During three together (2004-2006) Palace accepted the best sport construction on the national competition «Sports industry of Russia»[2]. The Association of sports industry enterprises of Russia held a competition for the title of "best sports construction". The competent Commission worked there. The main criteria were: technical equipment of the Palace, the number and quality of events, opinions specialists from the sphere of sports (officials, workers of physical culture, and representatives of the visiting teams). On the basis of all these indicators the Palace officially was accepted as the best sports construction in the Russian Federation [3].

The Palace was also the winner of the International Contest, got the prize «Arch of Europe Award» for the highest level of quality services and significant economic results (2010). There were some other awards. So we can be proud of such a construction erected in our city.

The Palace is one of the best multifunctional sports palaces in its class. It has excellent technical equipment which is continually updated, a three star hotel connected with the main building by a gallery. It has good transport accessibility. Its staff has great experience in events of all kinds, including international.

And of course it has beautiful, modern, «space» design, which everyone who visited Yekaterinburg will remember as vivid detail forming the overall image and decorates the embankment of the city pond and the capital of the Urals.

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